

Amendments To The Claims:

1. (Currently amended) Method for making transactions secure based on a card-type medium (2) comprising a number (4) and a remote database (5) connected to a telecommunications network (9), characterized in that

a unique volume based identifier (3) containing bubbles of random size, shape and arrangement which are clearly perceived in form size and relative position is physically integrated in the medium (2) comprising the number (4), this identifier (3) constitutes an unforgeable link between the number (4) located on the medium and information stored under the same number (4) in the database (5), said stored information comprises at least one representation of the identifier comprising an image (6) of the unique identifier (3),

~~to authenticate the link,~~

~~a call is made to the database,~~

~~the stored image is re-transmitted to a terminal monitor (11) and/or a printer (10) on which the image appears,~~

~~an operator makes a visual comparison between the identifier (3) located on the medium~~

~~and its image displayed on the terminal (11) and/or on the receipt of the printer (10), and~~

~~if the operator determines there is agreement between the identifier (3) located on the medium and its image displayed on the terminal (11) and/or on the receipt of the printer (10), the transaction is authorized~~

the method comprising authenticating the link at the time of a transaction by

making a call to the database,

retransmitting the stored image to a terminal monitor (11) and/or a printer (10) on which the image appears, and

an operator:

visually comparing the identifier (3) located on the medium and its image displayed on the terminal (11) and/or on the receipt of the printer (10), and

determining if there is agreement between the identifier (3) located on the medium and its image displayed on the terminal (11) and/or on the receipt of the printer (10) and either,
authorizing the transaction if agreement is determined, or
not authorizing the transaction if non-agreement is determined.

2. (Original) Method for making transactions secure based on a card-type medium (2) comprising a number (4) and a remote database (5) connected to a telecommunications network (9) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the number is recorded on the medium (2) by means of a magnetic strip or tape (1).

3. (Original) Method for making transactions secure based on a card-type medium (2) comprising a number (4) and a remote database (5) connected to a telecommunications network (9) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the number is recorded in the medium (2) by means of a linear bar code or a two-dimensional code (1).

4. (Original) Method for making transactions secure based on a card-type medium (2) comprising a number (4) and a remote database (5) connected to a telecommunications network (9) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the number is recorded on the medium (2) by means of an electronic chip or radio frequency chip.

5 - 8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the bubbles are self-generated.